SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senator Lindsay, would you yield to a question, please?

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Yes.

SENATOR BROMM: I think many of us have questions in general about this bill. I'm not sure that any of us have had time to totally digest or absorb it and didn't anticipate working with it today. Can you tell me very briefly what is the purpose of this bill? What...why did we need this bill to begin with?

SENATOR LINDSAY: Well, Senator Bromm, if you would...I think we can take care of this. First of all, LB 464 was heard by committee, had a public hearing, was advanced without dissent, controversial portions were stricken. It's out there in the record. Second, the amendment was filed and printed in the Journal. I didn't think I was pulling a fast one on anybody, but...

SENATOR BROMM: I didn't mean to infer that.

SENATOR LINDSAY: ...this...if I could suggest this. I'm not...I wasn't trying to do anything that is going to raise issues. LB 782 itself is important, it is needed to get those changes. I don't want to jeopardize that by introducing LB 464 which in itself is also noncontroversial, but at this point the body...one thing I think I've learned how to read is what is going on in the body and I would ask at this point, I'll reoffer it at Select so that people will have a chance to take a look at, but I'm not going to hold up the body, I'm not going to jeopardize LB 782 which I think is important, and I apologize to the body. It was printed, it is an existing bill but I'd ask you to look at it between now and Select and we'll redraft it and offer it again at Select and, at this point, I'd ask to withdraw the amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: The amendment is withdrawn.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: We are now on the Wesely amendment. Discussion